

The Cause of the Race Crisis

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I WOULD INVITE your attention to the Negro of the present. In my opinion our racial crisis is developing so rapidly that we cannot afford to spend years refining answers which are already sufficiently apparent to justify action on your part.

I refer not only to questions of eugenics on which the heredity-environment ratio has some bearing, but more specifically to the policy of misleading the average Negro as regards his biological potential and his achievable job and status expectations, and also to the wisdom of forced social integration in schools and housing.

I assume you will agree that, given the hypothetical ideal situation *where the environment is the same*, two races of substantially different genetic endowment will, as groups, perform substantially differently. If this be the case in the ideal situation, it will certainly be no better where the environment of the less-endowed group is the poorer. The only ultimate issue therefore is: Are there, or are there not, such substantial differences? This is more fundamentally a question for anatomy and its related disciplines than for genetics. It goes without saying that if there are certain brain structures related to

intelligence which are characteristically White or Negro these must by definition be inherited, otherwise they would not be race characteristics. If they are also of different evolutionary grade, their significance is clear.

As regards the life sciences, an unusual situation has developed over the past 40 years. I can think of no parallel in history where a strictly scientific misrepresentation (the positive statement that no significant genetic race differences in intelligence exist) has had such far-reaching social and political consequences. Were it not for the deluge of dogma which has inundated the minds of two generations of our people there would be no need to inform the public that the great preponderance of the credible evidence is on the side of innate race differences in both intelligence and temperament—that, indeed, there is no credible evidence whatever on the side of the equalitarian theory.

Races Proven Different

It would likewise be unnecessary even briefly to summarize the available data in support of race differences—the record of the Negro race throughout history, the brainweight studies of numerous experts, the findings of qualified anatomists on the comparative structure of the White and Negro brain, the work of Geber and Dean on relative rates of kinesthetic maturation, the electro-encephalographic investigations of Gallais and Mundy-Castle, the researchers of distinguished field anthropologists like Gates and Coon, the summaries by Shuey of 40 years of intelligence tests, and the repeated identical-twin studies of

ABOUT THIS ARTICLE

This article is comprised of excerpts from an open letter addressed by the brilliant author to the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. at the time that this quasi-government organization refused to undertake a scientific study of racial differences. The letter has been printed in tract form and distributed nationwide, and has been printed in the *Congressional Record*.

competent psychogeneticists—these would all be superfluous. The public would already have reached confirming conclusion based on normal perceptions and common sense. You will notice that we are not concerned here solely with a preponderance of evidence in one field, but in all areas related to racial capacities. It is a convergence from every direction, a preponderance within every segment of a totality.

However, in the light of our present academic climate it may be advisable for me to stress, even to you, that the above material is of record and that none of it has been contradicted by any counter-facts. It has been attacked as inadequate, **but never disproved**. Such counter-materials as have been offered have been either so irrelevant or so distorted as to be unacceptable to any thoughtful mind. If you doubt the accuracy of this, I can assure you it is a matter which will reward investigation by an impartial committee of the Academy. And I may add that all courts of law which have heard the evidence and made findings of fact in this area have not only confirmed the view that there is an ample "scientific basis" for the concept of significant genetic racial differences, but have held that its protagonists have sustained the burden of proof.

People Brainwashed

Meanwhile, the public, as I have said, has been categorically instructed that there are no such differences. The primary and secondary schools in which our children are educated are flooded with this deception, the colleges and universities reinforce it, encyclopedias and reference books have been altered to contain it, laws have been passed requiring texts to expound it, the churches of all faiths preach it, newspapers and magazines admit no other doctrine, while the moving-picture, TV and radio media are committed to its diffusion 24 hours a day.

The interaction with our government complex has been complete. Throughout the nation, our state and federal legisla-

tures, executive departments and higher courts are committed to policies founded on the equalitarian dogma at home and abroad. Our highest court cannot even bring itself to look at the record of the trial courts. In other words, in defiance of the overwhelming "preponderance of the credible evidence" and in spite of the fact that to most informed minds it must actually constitute proof "beyond *reasonable* doubt," all of our current thought and action has been based on the assumption that the opposite of the evidence is true.

The results should have been foreseen from the beginning. While the general public was being massively indoctrinated, the Negro mind could hardly remain immune. Some years ago, at the time of the publication of my first book on the race problem, I received a letter from a Southerner which read in part as follows: "In the last ten years . . . the leadership of the Negro race has almost abandoned efforts at self-improvement by the Negro.

"Now virtually all the emphasis is being placed upon the theory that the big obstacle to a millenium for the Negro race is the oppressive social system under which he lives. Even a far more sophisticated race of people would be corrupted by such a narcotic as this. In the case of the Negro, with his uncritical mind and lack of experience, the result has been nothing less than a catastrophe."

Why Blacks Hate Whites

This was written in 1961. Today we have a national magazine like *Newsweek* referring to "black riots—the most sustained spasm of civil disorder in the violent history of a violent country." In recent years there have been 101 such riots in which 130 people have been killed, 3,623 injured, and 28,932 arrested. The cost has been estimated at nearly three quarters of a billion dollars. And because much more and worse is expected, local and federal boards and commissions have been appointed to study the cause, in all of whose deliberations so far I fail to find one mention of the transparent source of the trouble.

It seems to me it should be self-evident that if one continuously saturates the average Negro with a flood of propaganda to the effect that there are no innate differences between himself and the White man, the Negro is bound to reach the conclusion that his condition nationally is due solely to White injustice rather than to his own limitations. This in turn must produce a deep sense of grievance and a desire for revenge. It must likewise generate an expectation of jobs and status that cannot in the nature of things be realized.

At the same time the impact upon the White man must be correspondingly, if more subtly, disastrous. Plagued by a false sense of guilt he will assume attitudes and adopt policies which will compound the difficulty. He will appease and indulge the lawlessness of the Negro, and nourish his self-pity. A pervasive White permissiveness, at times even a pathological fawning, will take the place of a climate conducive to self-reliance and self-improvement on the part of the Negro. All men and races instinctively respect and strive to emulate other men and races who know their own worth. They openly or secretly despise those who deny it. We hear much talk now-a-days about "human dignity," but nothing is more apt to destroy dignity on both sides than the equalitarian dogma. *As the inferior moves toward the superiority, dignity is self-generating. When the superior denies itself, dignity is left to neither.* Show me the Negro who has fulfilled his potential and I will show you the man with dignity; it will not be the man who demands jobs and status beyond his potential which can lead only to failure and disillusionment.

I share Dr. George's views, and if he is a "racist," I am. From my standpoint there is neither kindness nor humanity in a policy which sets the races against each other in a rising crescendo of blood and terror, which inflames the Negro with false motives for revenge, and which incites him to insurrection against a race to whom he owes every attribute of civilization he possesses.

Actually, a truth-oriented pathway out of our present predicament may not be as frightening as our current state of mind may lead us to think. Let me offer a blunt example of the starkest case. Suppose it be established and stated that if the preponderance of the credible evidence indicates that the average Congo Negro is 200,000 years younger in evolutionary grade than the average Western Caucasian, and that the average American Negro, due to absorption of White genes, is 140,000 years younger than the average White American. It is not necessary for us to decide in advance what to do about this. The truth and its dissemination come first. Nothing is more obfuscating than to avoid the first step because of arguments over the second. The problems which will follow an acceptance of the truth cannot be evaluated until the truth is established, digested and studied against the background of other realities. One does not attempt to navigate a vessel with a compass which is 180 degrees off. One corrects the compass, and then the beacons and the shore line begin to fall into place.

To those of you who cling to the view that your religious or moral duty requires you to violate your scientific integrity, I would quote once more from Dr. George:

"It is undoubtedly true that many good men of the Church believe that they are doing right in promoting integration of the races blinded as they are by shibboleths and virtuous sounding phrases. But, for reasons that I have given, evil results are indicated if they succeed in their purpose. In that sad time, if it should come, the good intentions and virtuous-sounding slogans will not alter the human and cultural deterioration. I would remind you that things are not always what well-meaning men think they are. Churchill said: 'In this sad tale of wrong judgments formed by well-meaning and able people, we now reach our climax. That we should have come to this sad pass makes those responsible, however honorable their motives, blameworthy before history.'"